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Office Action Summary

Application No.

09/909,774

Applicant(s)

CHAIKEN ET AL.

Examiner

Dhairya A Patel

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 July 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 7/19/2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Application # 09/909,774 was filed on July 19, 2001. Claims 1-9 are subject to examination.

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to because they do not illustrate what is "M" and "N" in figure 4. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

In Fig. 4, the applicant does not clarify what is "M" and "N". Proper clarification is needed.

Specification

3. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The following title is suggested: "Integrated Circuit comprising LDT in a network"

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

4. In claims 1-9, the applicant mentions "LDT" interface. It is unclear to the examiner the meaning of "LDT". The applicant needs to give more explanation on the topic of "LDT", since that subject matter is being discussed in the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over unpatentable by Elms et al. U.S. Patent # 5,007,013 (hereinafter Elms) in view of AMD Publication, "AMD Discloses New Technologies At Microprocessor Forum", October 5, 1999. (hereinafter AMD).

5. As per claim 1, Elms teaches a method for interconnecting elements of a network

using an LDT interface in a defined network topology (Fig. 20), comprising steps of interconnecting a plurality of integrated circuits in a multi-dimensional network configuration using an LDT interface (Fig. 20), wherein at least one of said integrated circuits has more than two LDT interfaces (Fig 2 element 42, 44; column 6 lines 30-33) and wherein said integrated circuits are interconnected without requiring an LDT switch.

Elms fail to teach the implement LDT interface in the integrated circuits but it would have been well known at the time of the invention to implement LDT interface in the integrated circuits. It is known to integrate LDT interface in the integrated circuits for increased overall-performance. The motivation for doing so would have been to get a high speed, high performance point-to-point link for interconnecting integrated circuits (AMD).

6. As per claim 2, Elms teaches a method of claim 1, wherein each integrated circuit comprises at least four LDT interfaces (column 6 lines 30-33, Fig. 1 element 36).

Elms fail to teach integrated circuits comprising of LDT interface but it would have been well known at the time of the invention to implement LDT interface in the integrated circuits. It is known to integrate LDT interface in the integrated circuits for increased overall-performance. The motivation for doing so would have been to get a high speed, high performance point-to-point link for interconnecting integrated circuits (AMD).

7. As per claim 3, Elms teaches a method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
-assembling integrated circuits having four LDT interfaces into a two-dimensional mesh (Fig. 20).

Elms fail to teach integrated circuits having LDT interface but it would have been well known at the time of the invention to implement LDT interface in the integrated circuits. It is known to integrate LDT interface in the integrated circuits for increased overall-performance. The motivation for doing so would have been to get a high speed, high performance point-to-point link for interconnecting integrated circuits (AMD).

8. As per claim 4, Elms teaches a method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
-linking integrated circuits having four LDT interfaces into a PLEX topology.(Fig. 20)

Elms fail to teach integrated circuits having LDT interface but it would have been well known at the time of the invention to implement LDT interface in the integrated circuits. It is known to integrate LDT interface in the integrated circuits for increased overall-performance. The motivation for doing so would have been to get a high speed, high performance point-to-point link for interconnecting integrated circuits (AMD).

9. As per claim 5, it teaches the same limitations as said in claim 1 therefore it is rejected under same basis.

10. As per claim 6, it teaches the same limitations as said in claim 2, therefore it is rejected under same basis.

11. As per claim 7, Elms teaches a network of claim 5, wherein said integrated circuits each comprise four LDT interfaces (column 6 lines 30-33, Fig. 1 element 36).

Elms fail to teach integrated circuits comprising of LDT interface but it would have been well known at the time of the invention to implement LDT interface in the integrated circuits. It is known to integrate LDT interface in the integrated circuits for increased overall-performance. The motivation for doing so would have been to get a

high speed, high performance point-to-point link for interconnecting integrated circuits (AMD).

12. As per claim 8, Elms teaches a network of claim 7, wherein said integrated circuits are assembled into a two-dimensional mesh (Fig. 20).

13. As per claim 9, Elms teaches a network of claim 7, wherein said integrated circuits are linked into a PLEX topology (Fig. 20).

Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

15. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire **3 (three) months and 0 (zero) days** from the mail date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the applicant (see 35 U.S.C 133, M.P.E.P 710.02, 710.02(b)).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dhairya A Patel whose telephone number is 703-305-0457. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on 703-305-6687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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